

## Comments on RM-10810

RM-10810 has a lot of good points. Several of these I would like to expand on and suggest slight modifications.

There should be two classes, General and Extra. No code requirement for the General. 10-WPM code exam for the Extra-class.

Written exams would remain the same for both General and Extra class licenses.

Everyone currently holding a Novice, Technician, or Technician plus class license be automatically upgraded to General. Current Generals would be allowed CW credit for 13 WPM and would only take the Extra class written exam to upgrade. Any license higher than the General class would be automatically upgraded to Extra class.

The General class license would have all currently available amateur privileges except the Extra-class SSB and CW subbands.

This would simplify record keeping for the FCC, reduce paperwork, and eliminate the code requirement for most amateurs.

I am an Extra class and this month will start my 50 year as a ham. I operate a lot of CW and SSB as a DX'er. I feel that anyone operating in the current Extra class CW subbands would automatically increase their CW skills way beyond the old 20 WPM in a very short time. Any General class wishing to operate CW could still operate in the current General & Advanced class CW subbands.

I am a Life Member of the American Radio Relay League (ARRL) and the Quarter Century Wireless Association (QCWA).

Thank you,

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